

MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

LEGAL NOTICE

March 14, 2014

The Mississippi State Department of Health hereby gives notice of staff recommendations for the listed projects reviewed during the December 2013 Review Period.

CON Review: HG-FE-1013-013
Forrest County General Hospital
d/b/a Highland Community Hospital
Acquisition of MRI Equipment and Conversion from
Mobile to Fixed Unit
Capital Expenditure: \$863,335.75
Location: Picayune, Pearl River County, Mississippi
Staff Recommendation: Approval

The staff analysis will be available and online by March 14, 2014. Any person may request copies of the staff analysis by contacting this office in writing. A minimum charge of \$5.00 is required for each copy. The 90-day review period will run from March 14, 2014 to June 12, 2014.

After the publication of the staff analyses, and before a written decision is made by the State Health Officer, there shall be no ex parte contacts between (a) any person acting on behalf of the applicant or holder of the CON or any person opposed to the issuance or in favor of the withdrawal of the CON and (b) the State Health Officer; the Director of the Office of Health Policy and Planning; the hearing officer; or the staff of Health Planning and Resource Development.

The governing legislation and the Mississippi State Department of Health rules provide that any person directly affected by the proposal may request a public hearing during the course of review. To be effective, the request for public hearing must be received by the Department within 20 days of the date of publication of the staff analysis; and must be accompanied by the required \$6,000 hearing fee. The opportunity to request a hearing on the above applications expires on April 3, 2014. The Department will conduct such hearing within 60 days from the date of the hearing request, unless the time period is waived.

For further information, please contact the Division of Health Planning and Resource Development of this office at (601) 576-7874.